

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION

WILLIAM CURTIS JONES,

Plaintiff,

v.

MARTIN O'MALLEY,
COMMISSIONER OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,

Defendant.

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ORDER

Before the Court is the report and recommendation from United States Magistrate Judge Susan Hightower concerning Plaintiff William Curtis Jones's ("Plaintiff") appeal of a final decision of the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration ("Commissioner") denying an application for disability benefits pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). (R. & R., Dkt. 18). Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Rule 1(h) of Appendix C of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Judge Hightower issued her report and recommendation on April 29, 2024. (*Id.*). Plaintiff timely filed objections to the report and recommendation. (Objs., Dkt. 20).

A party may serve and file specific, written objections to a magistrate judge's findings and recommendations within fourteen days after being served with a copy of the report and recommendation and, in doing so, secure *de novo* review by the district court. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). Because Plaintiff timely objected to the report and recommendation, the Court reviews the report and recommendation *de novo*. Having done so and for the reasons given in the report and recommendation, the Court overrules Plaintiff's objections and adopts the report and recommendation as its own order.

Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** that the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge, (Dkt. 18), is **ADOPTED**. The decision of the Commissioner is **AFFIRMED** and Plaintiff's appeal is **DISMISSED**.

The Court will enter final judgment by separate order.

SIGNED on May 28, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Pitman", written over a horizontal line.

ROBERT PITMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE